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TOPIC Air Force Information from Wittenberg

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DATE OF CONTENT. 3 November 1952 to 24 January 1953

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REMARKS

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1. From 3 through 12 November 1952, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg quartered about 400 men. Infantry training was conducted there. West of the barracks installation, [] tents and south of it there was a radar set of type SCR-602. Two single-engine high-wing monoplanes and three biplanes [] were observed at the auxiliary airfield.

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2. From 14 November through 6 December, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne quartered about 500 Soviet air force personnel. The tents west of the installation had been removed. At 8:30 a.m. on 26 November, 40 officers and 300 men had lined up for an inspection. [REDACTED]

3. From 10 November through 21 December, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne quartered about 400 air force personnel including numerous recruits. The soldiers observed wore epaulets with signal or pilot insignia. Much close order drill was given in the billeting area. Some biplanes and single-engine high-wing monoplanes were parked at the auxiliary airfield adjacent to the installation.

4. On 14 November, tents were no longer observed behind the installation. Only two radio trucks were seen there. On 27 November, these trucks were still there.

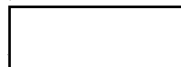
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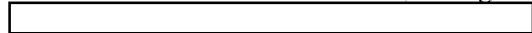
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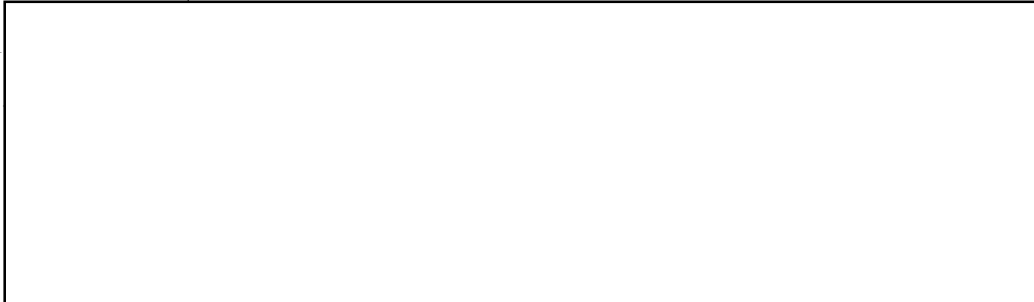
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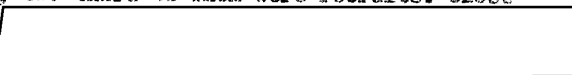
6. From 21 November 1952 through 22 January 1953, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne still quartered 400 to 500 air force personnel. There was heavy traffic between the barracks installation and the air force headquarters on Stern Strasse. No training activities were observed between 21 November and 18 December. Close order drill and field training were repeatedly observed from 20 December through 22 January. Two biplanes and two single-engine high-wing monoplanes were seen at the auxiliary airfield. The planes observed flew only seldom.
7. Prior to 18 December, the AAA emplacements on the two sides of the barracks installation on the Elbe River were unoccupied. On 5 January, source observed for the first time a new AAA emplacement of 4 x 76-mm guns on the southern bank of the Elbe River, about 800 meters west of the Wittenberg-Leipzig highway. On the same day,  trucks on the yard of the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. From 8 through 22 January, the AAA emplacement on the southern bank of the Elbe River continued to be occupied. Up to 30 men were seen engaged in aiming practices at the emplacement.

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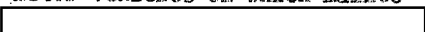
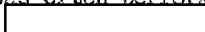
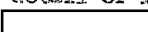
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9. From late November to 21 December 1952, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne quartered 450 to 500 air force soldiers, two third of whom were recruits. Close order drill was repeatedly seen. 

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10. From 28 November 1952 through 24 January 1953, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne quartered about 400 soldiers, most of them air force personnel, the remainder artillery men. The garages housed numerous motor vehicles on which maintenance work was often performed. Two Pe-2s  and Yak-14s  were stationed at the auxiliary airfield. The planes which were used for courier flights also made local training flights. Close order drill was done in the billeting area, while field training was given on the Elbe River meadows. Several times source observed that a guard detail of 11 men marched to the restricted area on Ernst Thaelmann Strasse 

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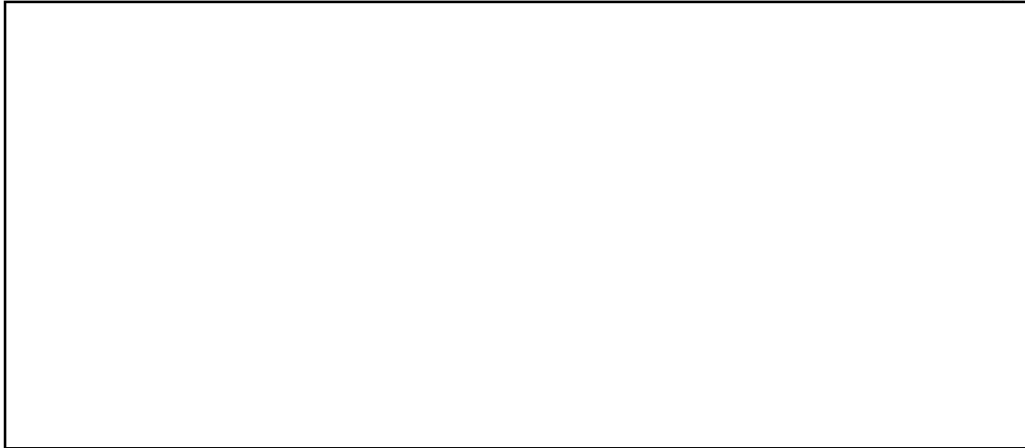
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 Comment. According to available information, the headquarters of the Southern Fighter Corps is stationed in Wittenberg. It is believed that the command elements of the headquarters are located in the restricted area on Thaelmann Strasse while the assigned supply and signal units are quartered at the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. Information available indicates also radar personnel as being trained at the barracks installation. 

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